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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Ellen M. McAvoy

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 2/28/05; 5/11/2006
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Other: ____

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102/103

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over De Bruyn et al (WO 03/024910 A1)

DeBruyn et al ["DeBruyn"] disclose a process for increasing the carbon chain length of an olefinic compound comprising the steps of providing a starting olefinic compound and subjecting it to hydroformylation to produce an aldehyde and/or alcohol with an increased carbon chain length compared to the starting olefinic compound. De Bruyn teaches that, optionally, the aldehyde that may form during the hydroformylation reaction is hydrogenated to convert it to an alcohol which has an increased carbon chain length compared to the starting olefinic compound. The alcohol is then subjected to dehydration to produce an olefinic compound with an increased carbon chain length compared to the starting olefinic compound. DeBruyn teaches that the process produces linear unbranched olefins such as 1-hexene and/or 1-octene. See page 2-3. Specifically, DeBruyn teaches that 1-pentene may be converted to

1-hexene, and that 1-heptene may be converted to 1-octene. See page 4. Fischer-Tropsch derived feed streams containing one or more alpha-olefins are set forth in the prior art on page 4. Removal of unwanted products is taught in the prior art on pages 6-7. The examiner is of the position that the process and products of DeBruyn anticipate the above rejected claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bolinger (6,037,506) in combination with Kaizik et al (6,627,782).

Bolinger discloses a process for producing hydroformylation products by reacting olefinic feed with hydrogen and carbon monoxide in the presence of a catalyst to form aldehydes and alcohols. Applicants invention differs by converting the aldehydes and alcohols into 1-olefins with an increased carbon chain length compared to the starting olefinic compound. However, such a process step is known in the art as evidenced by Kaizik et al ["Kaizik"] which discloses preparing 1-olefins from aldehydes and alcohols by dehydration. Having the prior art references before the inventor at the time the invention was made it would have been obvious to the skilled artisan to have produced 1-olefins from the aldehydes and alcohols produced by the process of Bolinger if so desired by the addition of the known dehydration step taught in Kaizik.

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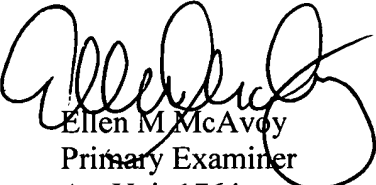
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ellen M. McAvoy whose telephone number is (571) 272-1451.

The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7:30-5:00) with alt. Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glenn Caldarola can be reached on (571) 272-1444. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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